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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNARCO  
SUBJ: NARCOTICS SECTION OF PARM

REF: CHESHES-LEE TELCON, 3/16/77

1. FOR YOUR ADVANCE INFORMTION, FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM PARM NARCOTICS SECTION WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MISSION SENIOR NARCOTICS GROUP AND THE AMBASSADOR. FINAL PARM SUBMISSION MAY DIFFER SOMEWHAT IN FORM, BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE. BEGIN TEXT.

2. OBJECTIVE-WITHIN A REGIONAL PROGRAM TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE FLOW OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS, PARTICULARLY COCAINE, TO THE U.S.

3. COURSES OF ACTION-REMAIN AS STATED IN THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY PAPER FOR FISCAL YEARS 1977-80 (BOGOTA A-113, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976); TO FOSTER AT THE HIGHEST GOC POLITICAL LEVEL

THE WILL TO TACKLE THE DRUG PROBLEM IN ITS BROADEST TERMS; TO ENCOURAGE CURRENT TRENDS TOWARD JUDICIAL REFORM AND INCREASE GOC FUNDING FOR STRONGERNARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS; TO WORK FOR GREATER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE SEVERAL GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND BETWEEN THEM AND NARCOTICS POLICE  
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IN NEIGHBORING STATES, AND TO SUSTAIN ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE FOREGOING.

4. ISSUES-UNDER PRESENT PROGRAMMING, U.S. COMMODITY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WHICH IS AIMED AT THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS MENTIONED ABOVE HAS HIT A HIGH POINT IN FY77 AND WILL REMAIN RELATIVELY LARGE THROUGH FY78. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS

ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING THE GOALS CITED ABOVE WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY MONITORED, MAKING FY77 AND 78 TEST YEARS. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR TO THE GOC, EXPLAINING THAT THE PROVISION OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS (IN TERMS OF OUR GOALS) OF CURRENT PROGRAMS.

5. THE MISSION IS SCEPTICAL THAT IF PRESENT CONDITIONS PREVAIL, OUR GOALS CAN BE ATTAINED. EVIDENCE WE HAVE ACQUIRED DURING RECENT MONTHS CONFIRMS, AND IN SEOM CASES EXCEEDS, OUR WORST SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE EXTENT OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN COLOMBIA AND OF RELATED CORRUPTION. IN PARTICULAR, EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT SOME IMPORTANT MILITARY, POLICE, AND CIVILIA OFFICIALS--EVEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS--ARE INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, PROSPECTS OF SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE

FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS, PARTICULARLY COCAINE, TO THE U.S. BY MEANS OF BILATERAL OR UNILATERAL USG PROGRAMS IN COLOMBIA ARE POOR.

6. SHOULD WE BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT OUR CURRENT FY77-78 PROGRAMS ARE NOT ADVANCING US EFFECTIVELY TOWARD OUR GOALS, WE WOULD ENVISAGE ONLY VERY MODEST AMOUNTS OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE, FORMULATED ON THE BASIS OF CAREFUL COST/BENEFIT CALCULATIONS, AND PROBABLY FOCUSED ON PROVIDING NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR COCAINE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES--ON A REGIONAL BASIS-- AND IN THE U.S. END TEXT.  
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